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TAGS: PFOR, EAID, NG

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRES KOUNTCHE

1. I CALLED ON PRES KOUNTCHE APR 29 TO INFORM HIM OF MY FORTH-COMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATION AND TO SEEK HIS VIEWS ON STATE OF OUR RELATIONS AND OUR DEVELOPMENT EFFORT HERE.

2. PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE WAS POSITIVE REAFFIRMATION OF GENERAL THRUST OF OUR AID POLICIES IN NIGER. HE SAID NIGER'S URGENT DEVELOPMENT NEEDS FELL INTO FIELDS OF FOOD PRODUCTION, HEALTH, AND LIVESTOCK. HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT ADO IN NIAMEY WAS WORKING WITH RELEVANT MINISTRIES ON ALL THREE OF THESE FRONTS.

HE ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT ACCORDED LIVESTOCK REBUILDING HIGH PRIORITY UNTIL RECENTLY BUT LACK OF CATTLE IN COUNTRY AS RESULT OF LOSS DURING DROUGHT HAS RESULTED IN SOARING MOST PRICES. FOR THIS REASON HE HAD RECENTLY TAKEN DECISION TO BAN EXPORT OF ALL CATTLE TO NIGERIA EVEN THOUGH THIS HURT NIGER'S TRADE BALANCE.

3. AS FOR GENERAL RELATIONS WITH US HE DESCRIBED

AS GOOD

AND DEVOID OF ANY PROBLEMS. HOWEVER HE WAS DISAPPOINTED BY FAILURE SO FAR OF AMERICAN COMPANIES TO FIND OIL. HE WAS CONVINCED THERE WAS OIL IN NIGER AND IF AMERICAN COM-

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PANIES, WHO NOW HOLD ALL MAJOR OIL CONCESSIONS IN COUNTRY,  
COULD NOT PRODUCE HE MIGHT HAVE TO TURN ELSEWHERE.HECK

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